

1. (Currently Amended) A securing device for a structural component to be secured to a panel with a tubular piece inserted into a penetration in the panel, and a screw inserted into the tubular piece, said screw being supported with its head on one end of the tubular piece and holding the structural component with its threaded part, said structural component contacting the other end of the tubular piece, said tubular piece being screwed an optional distance into the penetration for axial adjustment, characterized in that the tubular piece contains a distance detector, wherein, when the tubular piece is at a distance from the structural component, said distance detector is in its starting position projecting out of said tubular piece on its side facing away from the screw head and, when the tubular piece is in screwed to contact with the structural component, said distance detector is ~~noticeably~~ slideably displaced relative to the tubular piece.

2. (previously presented) A securing device according to claim 1, characterized in that the distance detector is in the form of a sleeve inserted into the tubular piece.

3. (previously presented) A securing device according to claim 2, characterized in that the sleeve is slotted.

4. (previously presented) A securing device according to claim 1, characterized in that the distance detector is in the form of a pin axially guided in the tubular piece.

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5. (previously presented) A securing device according to claim 1, characterized in that the distance detector is forced into its starting position by a spring element.

6. (currently amended) A securing device according to claim 5, characterized in that the distance detector is in the form of a sleeve, and the spring element consists of oblique surfaces disposed on the sleeve on its side facing away from the screw head, said oblique surfaces cooperating with sloping faces at the relevant end of the tubular piece.

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